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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH BEFORE THE VENEZUELAN
CONGRESS, MARCH 29, 1978.

1. THE MISSION HAS ALREADY RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR
PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH IN VENEZUELA, INCLUDING ONE
FROM AMBASSADOR MILLS OF JAMAICA, CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP
OF 77 (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' CAUCUS). MILLS HAD HEARD
OF THE SPEECH - THE SUBJECT OF WHICH WAS OF OBVIOUS
AND GREAT INTEREST TO HIM - AND WAS AMAZED IT HAD
RECEIVED SO LITTLE PUBLICITY.

2. IN OUR VIEW, THE SPEECH IS A MOST SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE
TO THOSE - FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR -
WHO WERE DISAPPOINTED BY THE LACK OF ECONOMIC CONTENT
IN THE PRESIDENT'S TWO SPEECHES AT THE UNITED
NATIONS IN 1977. THE SPEECH REPRESENTS THE STRONGEST
COMMITTMENT TO A NEW AND MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL ORDER WE HAVE MADE, AND GIVES CLEAR DETAIL
ON HOW WE HOPE THE WORLD COMMUNITY CAN COOPERATE IN
ACHIEVING IT.

3. FOR THIS REASON, THE MISSION PLANS TO SEND THE
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SPEECH, UNDER COVER OF A PERSONAL LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR
YOUNG (DRAFT IN PARA 5 BELOW) TO ALL HEADS OF DELEGATION
IN NEW YORK.

4. WE FURTHER URGE THAT SPEECH BE TRANSLATED INTO
FRENCH AND SPANISH, AND IF POSSIBLE PORTUGUESE AND
ARABIC, AND BE GIVEN THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION,

BOTH TO GOVERNMENTS THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH USICA. OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTION IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS WE BELIEVE THE SPEECH HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE U.N. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OVERVIEW MECHANISM) ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DIALOGUE, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3 - 12.

5. DRAFT LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG:

DEAR MR. (OR MADAME) AMBASSADOR; IN HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE CONGRESS OF VENEZUELA, ON MARCH 29, PRESIDENT CARTER MADE HIS MOST WIDE-RANGING STATEMENT TO DATE ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

- THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR A MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ORDER, AND NOTED THE COMMON GOALS OF OUR NATIONAL AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACCELERATE WORLD ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, TO MAKE THE MOST BENEFICIAL USE OF OUR HUMAN POTENTIAL, AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL NATIONS PARTICIPATE FULLY IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND HUMAN AFFAIRS.

- MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR A MORE FAIR AND OPEN SYSTEM OF WORLD TRADE, THE MODERATION OF COMMODITY PRICE MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING CREATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A COMMON FUND, COOPERATION IN ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

- I BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THE ENTIRE STATEMENT INTERESTING AND SIGNIFICANT, PARTICULARLY AS WE ENTER IN TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CREATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CARRY ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC DIALOGUE. SINCERELY, ANDREW YOUNG. LEONARD

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